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1. U.S. Patent No. 6,777,241 to Naumann et al., issued August 17, 2004.
2. United Kingdom Patent Publication No. GB 2 379 737, published March 19, 2003.
3. International Patent Publication No. WO 01/67108 published September 13, 2001.
4. United Kingdom Patent Publication No. GB 2 360 089, published September 12, 2001.
5. U.S. Patent No. 6,225,047 to Hutchens et al., issued May 1, 2001.
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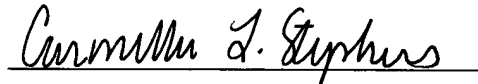
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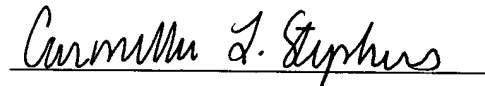
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